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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Retired appeals court judge Danhof dies at age 87

"Robert Danhof, chief judge on the Michigan appeals court for 16 years, has died in western Michigan. He was 87.... Danhof died Friday. His funeral is Wednesday at Hope Church in Holland, followed by burial in Zeeland cemetery."

Full story

Also see:

The Holland Sentinel: Former Michigan Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert J. Danhof dies; Zeeland native remembered as 'good dad, good leader, good judge'

Full story

Robert J. Danhof, former Michigan Court of Appeals chief judge, delegate to 1961-62 state Constitutional Convention, mourned by Michigan courts

*Press release**

The Detroit News: Michigan Supreme Court arguments available online

"Live and online from Lansing: the Michigan Supreme Court. The state's highest court says arguments will be streamed online starting Tuesday with a case about a contract dispute between the Macomb County Road Commission and a union."

Full story

Also see:

Associated Press: Michigan Supreme Court arguments available online Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Lansing State Journal, the Times Herald/Port Huron and WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit.

Detroit Legal News: State high court to live stream oral hearings

Full story

Macomb County Legal News: High court goes high tech

Full story

Live from the Hall of Justice! Supreme Court starts live streaming hearings <u>Press release</u>

Detroit Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court: Oral arguments slated this week on March 5, 6 and 7

"The Michigan Supreme Court will hold oral arguments on March 5, 6, and 7. Case summaries, prepared by the Court's Office of Public Information, are below."

Full story

Also see:

Macomb County Legal News: Court considers liability of apartment complex Full story

Apartment complex's liability for guest's shooting at issue in case before Michigan Supreme Court in oral arguments next week

Press release

The Detroit News: Laura Berman: Women majority in Michigan, but not on high court

"As an under-represented, under-promoted majority, women are thriving in the Gov. Rick Snyder administration. Last week, Snyder announced he would use his second chance to appoint a state Supreme Court justice as he did his first: To replace a female justice with a male."

Full story

Detroit Free Press: Family of special needs drowning victim to get \$200K settlement

"The family of a 22-year-old Perry man who drowned while at a camp for people with special needs will receive \$200,000 in a settlement with Okemos Public Schools.... His parents sued the district, but the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in December that Okemos schools could not be sued because of governmental immunity."

Full story

Also see:

Lansing State Journal: Drowning victim's family to get \$200K from Okemos schools; Man with special needs died at school district camp Full story

The Detroit News: Documents detail lockdown of Michigan Capitol during right-to-work protests

"New court documents detail why police decided to lock people out of the state Capitol in December as Michigan's contentious right-to-work law was debated. The Lansing State Journal reports documents were filed Friday in Ingham County Circuit Court, where a challenge to the law is pending."

Full story

Also see:

Lansing State Journal: State seeks to dismiss right-to-work suit; Attorney General: Legislature did not violate Open Meetings Act

Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer.

The Detroit News: Grand Rapids-born widow of Supreme Court Justice Stewart dies in Vermont

"The widow of former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart has died in Vermont. Mary Ann Bertles Stewart, who was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., was 93.... Stewart's husband was appointed to the court in 1958 and retired in 1981. He died in 1985."

Full story

Also see:

Grand Rapids Press: Mary Ann Bertles Stewart dies, was widow of U.S. Supreme Court Justice and born in Grand Rapids

Full story

Daily Press & Argus: Tech company designs medical marijuana apps

"A small, publicly traded tech company hopes to cash in on Michigan's medical marijuana laws by offering patients apps to find doctors to write them recommendations, digital identification cards and cashless transactions at marijuana distribution centers."

Full story

Detroit Legal News: Family Business

"The Wayne County Family Law Bar Association held its February meeting Feb. 25 at London Chop House in Detroit. Guest speaker Kent L. Weichman of Domestic Relations Mediation and Arbitration spoke on recent changes to the Michigan child support formula."

Full story

Grand Rapids Press: Robert Lynch, one of six who took part in 1979 slaying of Hope College student, is denied appeal

"Robert Michael Lynch, one of six people convicted in the 1979 slaying of Hope College student Janet Chandler, has been denied an appeal to the state Supreme Court. Justices on Monday, March 4, denied Lynch's effort to have them hear his case."

Full story

The Macomb Daily: Judge Richard Caretti's girlfriend fights drunken-driving charge

"Attorneys for a Macomb County judge's girlfriend accused of drunken driving with the judge's minor children in the vehicle are attacking the field sobriety tests administered by a police officer. Brenda Conway's attorneys contend that Franklin Village Police Officer Steven Thompson did not have probable cause to arrest Conway because two of the three sobriety tests he conducted were 'nonstandard.' "
Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Oakland Press.

Oakland County Legal News: Associations conduct Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition

"The D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, the Association of Black Judges of Michigan, and the Wolverine Bar Association co-sponsored the 21st Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law."

Full story

Oakland County Legal News: ASKED & ANSWERED: Neil Rockind on Michigan's medical marijuana

"Southfield attorney Neil Rockind is an acknowledged expert on Michigan's medical marijuana laws. After a successful career as a prosecutor, Rockind became a criminal defense lawyer in 1997 and has handled many high profile cases."

Full story

WJR 760 AM/Detroit: Frank Beckmann show: interview with Chief Justice Robert Young (12:27 minute podcast)

"Chief Justice Young discusses his presentation to subcommittees of the House and Senate [last week regarding the] judicial branch budget with a plan for responsible and limited government." <u>Podcast</u>